Beckham News

Beckham, Oct. 27.- Indications this morning are that there might be some rain in the near future. It is badly needed.

Mrs. C. D. Drinkard, who was critically ill for a few weeks, is recovering slowly, and is able to walk around in the house. She spent week before last with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard, who live at the Colony.

T. R. Martin, Jr., of Beckham, had an old-fashioned corn shucking last Thursday night.

The Womans' Missionary Society of Trinity church met last Thursday with Mrs. R. B. Martin, with a good attendance.

Rachel Ann, the fifteen month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Len Martin, who was quite sick last week, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Martin were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Len Martin. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson and two daughters were guests in this home Sunday night.

Mrs. Lillie Drinkard, who spent nearly two weeks in Lynchburg, returned to her home Saturday. While in Lynchburg she attended several sessions of the Virginia Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin, and Ralph Coleman, of Colony, were at T. R. Martin's corn shucking.

Marvin Drinkard, attendant at the Colony, was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Len Martin last week.

Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Martin were dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. E. C. Martin.

A good many from the Trinity home demonstration club attended the Oakville- Trinity achievement day at Oakville last Friday evening and greatly enjoyed the meeting.

Evergreen Personals

Evergreen, Oct. 27.- Miss Louise LeGrand spent Sunday and Sunday night with Miss Louise Garrett.

Mrs. Kate Kirtz and children were Sunday guests of Mrs A. A. LeGrand.

Mrs. L. L. Stewart, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is improving.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Dora Neil, who has been sick, is able to be up in her room. She is with her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Cralle.

Mrs. Herbert Smith, of Washington spent last Monday with Miss Isabell Ransom and Mrs. C. M. Evans of Appomattox. Mrs. Smith has returned to her home in Washington, after a week's stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner. Mrs. Warriner is sick at this writing.

Miss Phyla Harvey was the dinner guest Sunday of Miss Lindy Warriner.

Vera Briefs

Vera, Oct. 28.- Mrs. Emily Chernault, of Gladstone has been visiting for the past week in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Coleman, Mrs. J. Chernault, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Robertson and Mrs. Maude Abbitt.

Mrs. Maude Abbitt spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Coleman, Mrs. Emily Chernault and Mrs. Maude Abbitt spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault and baby spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Garrett.

Mrs. R. H. Coleman, Mrs. T. H. Robertson and Mrs. Emily Chernault spent Tuesday with Mrs. Maude Abbitt.

Mrs. Sadie Covington and Mrs. Ina Covington spent Tuesday with Mrs. D. N. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Marshall and baby, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Burr Abbitt spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jenkins.

Sallie Lou Chernault spent the week-end with her parents.

Oakville News

Oakville, Oct. 28.- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hale and Mr. and Mrs. George Perdieu and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Marks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and Miss Cleo Reynolds visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curry Abbitt Sunday P. M.

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PERSONAL ITEM

Miss Lessie Handy, of Appomattox, spent her vacation visiting her sister, Mrs. Edith Bollinger, of Newport News, also Mrs. Sumner Gobble of Baltimore, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Emrick, and family, of New York.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR ALICE ALBERTA SMALL

Alice Alberta Small died in the Southside Hospital, Farmville, Sunday morning, October 19. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Small, and was born in Port Allegbany, Pa., March 17, 1936.

Surviving members of the family, in addition to the family are one brother, Dannie, and one sister, Bettie.

Funeral services were held at the grave, at Liberty Cemetery, Appomattox, Tuesday afternoon October 21, conducted by the Rev. H. Frederick Jones, pastor of Liberty Baptist church. Flowers were carried by little girls and boys, classmates of Bettie Small. Pallbearers were: Anna Lee, Alma Ferguson, Dorothy Ferguson and Ilean Davidson.

Germans claim break through in the Crimea.

COLORED DOTS

The public is invited to witness a choir contest sponsored at the Gallilee Baptist church this Sunday night at 8 P. M. A general admission fee of ten cents will be taken at the door. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the church choir.

Each member of the Gallilee Baptist church is reminded of the annual fall rally to come to a close this Sunday at the regular preaching hour. Each member is asked to contribute one dollar. The pastor will preach a special sermon. The church choir will render special music.

Over 75 patrons, teachers and friends attended the annual parent day program, held at the Carver high school last Saturday, at 10 A. M. The program was enjoyed by all who attended. Supt. Burke spoke on the school and what it has done and is doing for the Negro citizens of the county. His address was helpful and inspiring. Other addresses were given by C. A. Pennington, principal of the school, Miss Mantoy, home economics instructor, Mrs. Mozella Price, county supervisor, and several of the patrons. The welcome address was given by Mrs. Hester Stephens. R. Q. Lawing served as master of ceremony. After the meeting, all the patrons and friends were entertained with a luncheon at the home economics cottage.

A large crowd attended the regular preaching service at the First Baptist church Sunday.

Rev. J. A. Carter, pastor of the Promiseland Baptist church preached a very helpful sermon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing and family and deacon and Mrs. Charlie Marshall were Sunday dinner guests of deacon and Mrs. David Cheatham.

Miss Mildred Hnrt spent the week end in Petersburg as guest of her aunt.

The Webster Federation of New Farmers of America held their first meeting of the year at the Carver high school last Friday.

All members of the Appomattox Improvement Association are asked to attend the regular monthly business meeting Monday night, November 3, at 8 P. M.

Rev. Yates was in town Tuesday. Mrs. Wyatt Hunter is improving after a serious illness.

Miss Hilda Stephens is improving after undergoing an operation in a Lynchburg hospital.

V. M. I. and Davidson play football Saturday in Lynchburg.

Appomattox needs boosters.

Be sure to vote next Tuesday in the General Election.

DEDICATE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS

The new Sunday Schools rooms at the Spout Spring Baptist church were dedicated at 2:45 last Sunday afternoon. The service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W. A. Irving.

See us for a booklet on the Navy.

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☐ Baker ☐ Steward ☐ Musician
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As a Navy man, your future is assured. You embark on a life of travel, adventure, thrills. Many may rise to be commissioned officers. If you complete 20 years or more of service, you may transfer to the Fleet Reserve with a substantial income for life. If you return to civil life, your skilled Navy training makes it easy to land a good-paying job.

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Call Off Reconstruction of McLean House, Due to Priority of National Defense Program

THE FAMOUS McLEAN SURRENDER HOUSE

Appomattox, Va., Nov. 6.- The reconstruction of the McLean House, scene of General Lee's surrender to General Grant, April 9, 1865, will be deferred for the duration of the present national emergency, local National Park Service officials announced today. War has played a prominent part in the destiny of this house, as it did in the life of Wilmer McLean, its 1865 owner. It was built in 1848, the year of the War with Mexico, when an expanding West brought prosperity to Grant. In 1863, during the War Between the States, Wilmer McLean, a Manassas resident who had had two battles fought across his property, bought the house in Appomattox that was to bear his name in history. He bought it to escape the war, and the war ended in his parlor. An effort to sell pictures of the famous house after the war resulted in McLean's losing the place through a default-ed mortgage. The house was torn down in 1893 for re-erection as a museum in Washington, D. C., but the plan fell through after the completion of the demolition. Various efforts toward memorializing the scene of the world famous event failed. And now, just as restoration work was to begin, the exigencies of a new war era are brought to war. It is interesting to note that the internationally powerful United States of today had its birth in McLean's parlor, where disunion forever ended.

In line with the Department of the Interior's policy of cooperating with the Defense Program to the fullest extent, the National Park Service is seeking to avoid any competition with Defense projects for labor and materials; thus construction programs not definitely contributing to Defense are being held up.

At Appomattox this will mean not only deferment of the McLean House Reconstruction, but also the deferment of the restoration of existing historic structures in the old village.

Plans Were All Ready

The plans for the McLean House Reconstruction have been completed and now await final approval by the Director of the National Park Service. At any time that the Reconstruction may be deemed feasible, work can begin without delay. Meanwhile, research work for the restoration of the rest of the village is currently under way and no stoppage seems imminent.

Nor is any cessation of work by the CCC contemplated as far as is now known. The Colored Veteran Company, No. 1351, attached to the area is at present at work on archeological investigation, the laying of sewer lines, and allied work. A modern water system will shortly be installed, this being considered extremely necessary for fire protection. Installations of other utilities are also expected to progress.

In addition to these current jobs, the CCC men will soon begin a widespread stabilization and preservation program. Many repairs to the old buildings have not been made because it was thought that actual restoration was soon to come. Now all such repairs necessary for the preservation of the decaying structures will be undertaken, and all efforts towards restoration of the village, short of actual construction and private contract work, will be made.

But, for the time being, the McLean House will not rise again as a memorial to a reborn Union, but as the handclasp of Lee and Grant is a pictorial symbol to the Americans who look to the past for the inspiration to face the future.

THE NAVY PHOTOGRAPHER ASKS...

Interviewed aboard the U. S. S. Prairie State, U. S. Naval Reserve Training Station in New York City, these midshipmen pictured below, in response to the question, "Why did you enlist in the U. S. Naval Reserve?" said:

Thomas P. Bryan, Jr., Richmond, Va.

"I have had many friends and relatives in the Navy and feel that my enlistment in the U.S.Naval Reserve offers me an opportunity to serve as an officer in that branch of the service. I like the Navy."

W. H. Harris, Jr., Baltimore, Md.

"I realize that at the present time all patriotic men my age should serve in some branch of the service. I have had my eye on the Navy Air Force and feel that my enlistment in the U. S. Naval Reserve will give me a chance to make good as a Navy flier."

William Powell, Princeton, W. Va.

"I have always been patriotic and now that the time has come to do my bit I want to do it in that branch of our armed forces that I feel best suits my aptitude. I was a teacher and I think that my experience in the Naval Reserve will be invaluable to me in the further-

ance of my future career in civilian life."

E. J. Applebite, Newport News, Va.

"Two years ago I never thought that I would be a Navy officer. I had expected to go into business, but since serving in the Navy I have found that it is just as efficient as the business world and feel that the same number of years in the Navy will be far more valuable to me than those same years spent at a business desk."

Robert E. Cox, Easton, Md.

"I think that service in the Navy or in the Naval Reserve, as an officer in the Air Corps, offers me an excellent opportunity to obtain the best technical and flight education. I had planned to go into the oil business but I think now my career will be in the Commercial Aviation field and there certainly isn't a better

place to get this training than in the U. S. Navy or Naval Reserve."

G. A. Baker, Jr., Huntington, W.Va.

"I have had several close relatives, who in the past have served as officers in the U. S. Navy. My family physician, Commander Klumpp of the U. S. Naval Reserve, who is now assigned to active duty, told me of the vast opportunities offered in the Reserve. On his recommendation I entered midshipman. My experience in my first three months of Navy life certainly warrants my recommending the Navy or the Naval Reserve to any young patriotic fellow."

BETHANY NEWS

Bethany, Nov. 5.- Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Lichardson spent the week-end with their parents over this week-end.

Mrs. P. O. Paulette, Mrs. Curtis Paulette and daughter, Dorothy Ann, Mrs. John Allen and Miss Ora Paulette visited Mrs. W. W. Wooldridge last Thursday afternoon. Others calling the same home Thursday were Mrs. Sam Jennings and Mrs. Daniel Jennings, of Evergreen.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Phil Paulette Wednesday night.

The Evergreen W. M. U. met with Mrs. Ruth Jennings Tuesday night. A large crowd attended.

Mrs. Randolph Evans, of Clifton, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Paulette.

Mrs. Curtis Paulette, and Misses Ora and Carolyn Paulette visited Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Evans, of Clifton, Tuesday.

Miss Thalia Harvey, of Lynchburg was home for the week-end.

Roy Paulette spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Paulette.

Refresher Course Is Announced

A refresher night school course to give high school graduates the necessary educational background to pass the knowledge examination for admission to the Army Air Corps as Aviation Cadets, will be offered in Farmville, beginning November 10, at 8 P. M., Room 27, State Teachers College.

(Application forms for this course are available at the Appomattox county draft board office.)

The course is to be known as the "Southside Virginia Air Corps Institute" and is open to high school graduates from Prince Edward, Buckingham, Cumberland, Amelia, Nottaway, Lnenburg, Charlotte, Campbell and Appomattox counties.

Classes will be held nightly.

Preliminary arrangements for and organization of the course are under the direction of a committee consisting of Dr. J. P. Wynne, J. A. McCorkel and J. C. Watkins, representing the sponsoring organizations, which include the Farmville chapters of the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and American Legion.

Dr. Joseph L. Jarman, president of Farmville State Teachers' College, said that classrooms at the college had been made available for the course and that a number of professors had volunteered their services as instructors. Hampden-Sydney college and the high schools in and about Farmville are also cooperating.

Dr. Wynne, who heads the organization committee, said that the course will be offered free of charge to high school graduates who can meet the physical requirements for Aviation Cadet appointment. The only expenses to enrollees, he said, will be the cost of their books.

The knowledge examination is required for Aviation Cadet appointment only of those who have not completed at least two years of college work. No such examination is required of college graduates or of applicants who have completed two years at college.

A questionaire is being prepared to be filled out by all applicants for the refresher course, requiring that the applicant shall have completed high school or equivalent training, and that he agree to devote all the time necessary to complete the course and maintain a good attendance record at class sessions.

Application for appointment as Aviation Cadet will, of course, also be made requirement for those entering the educational refresher course, except for the educational requirement. Men must be unmarried, not under 20 years of age, not over 27 years of age, and must pass the Aviation Cadet physical examination and be acceptable to the Aviation Cadet examining board before admission to the course.

Application for deferment to local Selective Service boards may be made immediately upon applying for appointment as an Aviation Cadet and enrolling in the refresher course. Deferments are not offered but are usually granted unless exceptional circumstances exist.

Upon appointment as an Aviation Cadet, the successful applicant receives seven and one-half months of Air Corps training leading to a many as twelve college credits. During their training period, Cadets are paid $75 a month, plus subsistence. Applicants must agree to active duty as pilot-officer for three years.

Detailed information concerning the institute and application forms for enrolling may be obtained upon request from Dr. Wynne, Mr. McCorkle or Mr. Watkins in Farmville, or by writing Southside Virginia Air Corps Institute, Box 504, Farmville, or at the Appomattox Selective Service Board office. Information may also be obtained at the Army District Recruiting Office, 507 Parcel Post Building, Richmond, Va.

Grows 'em Big

We are advised that Gus Turnes, local farmer, got a yield of 14 pounds of sweet potatoes from one hill in his garden this season. One of the potatoes weighed 5 pounds. He also harvested 20 pounds of pecans from one tree.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Housing and hotel shortage in Washington, D. C.

Home Mission Study Book

The Home Mission Study Book; "Why Stand Ye Idle," will be reviewed Friday, November 7th, at 7 P. M. at the home of Misses Emma and Lucy Smith.

ADMIRAL SIMOS FAVORS LINKING BAY COMMUNITIES

Norfolk, Nov. 4.- Rear Admiral Manley H. Simos, U. S. Navy, Commandant of the Fifth Naval District stated today that a closer physical linking of the communities in the Hampton Roads area is an urgent defense necessity.

The City of Norfolk, site of the Naval Operating Base, is practically an island. Admiral Simos pointed out, and the present routes of ingress and egress are by no means adequate for the constantly increasing load imposed by the many defense activities of the area. Communications between the Naval Base and the Navy Yard at Portsmouth are particularly vital, the Admiral said, and he emphasized that the present ferry and rounda-about bridge routes connecting the two establishments are far from satisfactory.

Tunnels, additional bridges, or a combination of both, are the solution to the current congested traffic situation, according to Admiral Simos. He did not specify which means we did he most desirable for the linking of Norfolk and Portsmouth, but in the past the Navy has always opposed the spanning of the Elizabeth River below the Navy Yard. The increasing congestion of the harbor and the growing possibility of war make it most unlikely that any plan to bridge the river now could get the Navy's assent. Navy men have no objection, however, to tunnels under the river, provided they do not interfere with ship movements or anchorage.

Better communication routes between Norfolk and Bentley, Portsmouth and Berkley, and between Norfolk and Old Point are likewise of the greatest importance for defense, Admiral Simos said.

The link between Willoughby Spit and Old Point would solve one of the area's most serious transportation problems, he added. Preliminary traffic surveys indicate that tolls could easily pay for a tunnel between these points.

Another factor dictating haste in linking Norfolk with surrounding cities is the question of evacuation of the civil population in time of war. The low level of the City is not favorable to the construction of underground bomb shelters, and if Norfolk is to avoid being caught under repeated aerial bombing in the event of war, the logical first step would be the improvement of the City's currently inadequate communications with the main land.

"It is to be hoped," Admiral Simos concluded, "that the proper measures can immediately be undertaken to build new connecting links between the Hampton Roads communities. When this is done, it will not only be of the greatest value from a defense standpoint, but will also improve living facilities through out the area, and help knit the civil lives of the various communities more closely together than ever before."

Five Virginians lost when U. S. bomber plunges into Atlantic.

Name Delegates To S. C. A. Meeting

The State Student Cooperative Association meeting will be held in Richmond, at the John Marshall hotel, November seven and eight. The sponsors and delegates will represent each school in the state.

The delegates from the Appomattox high school are: Ben Wheeler, Betty Collins, June Johnston, and Eddie Cates. The sponsors are Miss Carrie Pankey and Mrs. Sue Christian.

—Ann Cawthorne, SCA reporter

Red Cross Starts Membership Drive

The local chapter of the American Red Cross today announced the following citizens as members of a "bureau of speakers," and any community wishing the services of a speaker at some designated time during the annual roll call may notify Mrs. Chas. T. Moses, chairman of publicity:

Rev. H. Frederick Jones, Don Moses, R. L. Burke, A. R. Harwood, Rev R. E. Redding, J A Burke, B. G. Anderson, Rev. T. E. Johnson, C. W Smith, Senator C. T. Moses, Judge J. W. Flood, Watt Abbitt, Miss Mary. Savedge, R. B. Hudgins, Mrs. B. G. Anderson, J. H. O'Brien, T. E. Owen, L. Crawley, Rev C.A. Collins, Rev. W. M. Black, Rev. Rives, Dr. Chas. F James, George P. Abbitt, Sr., E. P. Sears, Wilson Hix, J C. Hudgins, R. Alfred O'Brien, W. W. Scott, C K Hunter, H. C. Pullian, Miss Anna Jones and N. R. Featherston.

Prices Up, Says Report Of The State Hospital Board

By Samuel D. Rodgers

Richmond, Va., Nov. 5.- The Central State Hospital at Petersburg, and the Eastern State Hospital, at Williamsburg, have furnished the State Hospital Board with lengthy lists of necessities used at those institutions, indicating a marked increase in prices during recent months compared with 1940.

A comparison made of the July-September quarter of last year with the prices of the second quarter of 1941. From this list are taken a few articles to show the percentage of increase by comparison:

Lima beans, 30 per cent increase; Navy beans, 45.5; butter, 38.8; cheese, 56.6; coffee, 71.3; corn meal, 14; eggs purchaser, 68; fresh fish, 25; flour in barrels, 33; lard, 78.2; bacon sides, 136; a most remarkable increase; bacon sliced, 51.8; bacon shoulders, 63.8; beef, U. S. Good, 30.9; hams, 58; milk, fresh, 10; black eye peas, 19; prunes 31; rice, 49.6; sugar, 28.8; soap, laundry, 66.2; coal, 60; greases, 53.5; ginghams, 69; overalls, 46.1; blankets, 15; bed spreads, 44.7.

Taking comparatively a few of the necessary items used by the hospitals and indicating the advanced prices, it may readily be seen the difficulties which the budget committee faced in preparing the budget for the biennium to be presented to the General Assembly of 1942.

Secretary Hull calls on Finland to stop war on Russia.

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The plans for the McLean House Reconstruction have been completed and now await final approval by the Director of the National Park Service. At any time that the Reconstruction may be deemed feasible, work can begin without delay. Meanwhile, research work for the restoration of the rest of the village is currently under way and no stoppage seems imminent.

Nor is any cessation of work by the CCC contemplated as far as is now known. The Colored Veteran Company, No. 1351, attached to the area is at present at work on archeological investigation, the laying of sewer lines, and allied work. A modern water system will shortly be installed, this being considered extremely necessary for fire protection. Installations of other utilities are also expected to progress.

In addition to these current jobs, the CCC men will soon begin a widespread stabilization and preservation program. Many repairs to the old buildings have not been made because it was thought that actual restoration was soon to come. Now all such repairs necessary for the preservation of the decaying structures will be undertaken, and all efforts towards restoration of the village, short of actual construction and private contract work, will be made.

But, for the time being, the McLean House will not rise again as a memorial to a reborn Union, but as the handclasp of Lee and Grant is a pictorial symbol to the Americans who look to the past for the inspiration to face the future.

BATTLE SAYS STATE TRAFFIC DEATHS TO PASS 1,000 MARK

At least 1,000 persons will lose their lives in automobile accidents in Virginia this year, the largest number of traffic fatalities in the state's history, says Colonel M. S. Battle, director of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

He said the two worst months for accidents are likely to be November and December.

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